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April 1, 2013

To: Docket Control

RE: Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company Docket No. W-01212A-12-0309, SW-20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315

Please docket the attached case.	14	_ customer comments OPPOSING the above filed rate
Customer comments can be re	eviewed in	E-docket under the above docket number.
Filed by: Utilities Division –	Consumer	Services

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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109864

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Joann

Warren

Account Name:

Joann Warren

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Maricopa

State:

AZ **Zip**: 85138

is: Cellular

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

Oppose rate increase. Thank you Joann Warren *End of Complaint*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed:

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109861

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Steve

Olson

Account Name:

Street:

Maricopa

CBR:

City: State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

is: Other

Work: (000) 000-0000

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Contact Name:

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

We moved to Maricopa from Tempe. We are a growing family with young kids. Our water bill was only \$45 per month. With this rate increase, we will not only be paying for higher bills but also a higher HOA fees. We are already paying almost 4 times the amount of our water bill in Tempe, AZ (\$45) .. And that's before any increase that Global Water has planned.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION **UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM**

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109860

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Richard & Sheryl

Wynn

Account Name:

Richard & Sheryl Wynn

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Maricopa

State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

is: Cellular

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

On a fixed income - would be a hardship *End of Complaint*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED. *End of Comments*

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION **UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM**

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109859

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Elsie M

White

Account Name:

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Maricopa

CBR:

State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

is: Other

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

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Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

I think the rates are already too high.

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed, CLOSED.

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

^{*}End of Complaint*

^{*}End of Comments*

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109858

Date: 4/1/2013

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Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Forest

White

Account Name:

Forest White

Home: (520) 509-4720

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Maricopa

CBR:

State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

is: Other

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name.

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

We have to pay highest base rate but have the lowest per capita use in the area. *End of Complaint*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109857

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Allan Kent

French

Account Name:

Street:

Maricopa

City: State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

is: Cellular

Work: (000) 000-0000

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

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Nature of Complaint:

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The rates are too high now. Please reconsider.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109856

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

John & Darlene

Cross

Account Name:

John & Darlene Cross

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Maricopa

CBR:

State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

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Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

Maricopa should be encouraging families and business's to come to Maricopa NOT DISCOURAGING. *End of Complaint*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109852

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Bill & Robin

Kmet

Account Name:

Street:

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Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Maricopa

is: Cellular

State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Contact Name.

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

This rate increase is ridiculous. GW states it like we are idiots, only 5%. But that is 5% a year. Compounded of course. My monthly water & sewer rate with ZERO wate use is \$90. Almost double what my cousin in Chandler pays. Of course as the rates go up so do the associated taxes. If things are so bad for GW let them sell their palatial office in Maricopa. It looks like something from the internet heyday in Seatlle or San Francisco. Before most of them went bust. In today's world many people are struggling to make ends meet. This increase is a horrible example of corporate greed. Please do not let GW bleed us more than they already are. Of course the increase will also cause all of our HOA dues & local businesses to charge us even more. Please just say NO! *End of Complaint*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed, CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No.

No. 2013 - 109850

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Patricia

Klank

Account Name:

Patricia Klank

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Maricopa

State:

AZ **Zip:** 85138

is: Cellular

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Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

I am against the proposed rate increase because it imposes a financial burden on my family and my community. The prices for everything seem to have increased at a drastic rate over the past few years. Meanwhile, my household income has decreased. We simply cannot afford any more increases at this time. I strongly feel that a rate increase at this time will likely hurt our local economy.
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED. *End of Comments*

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109849

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Richard

Andrew

Account Name:

Home: (000) 000-0000

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Street:

Maricopa

State:

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Zip: 85138

is: Cellular

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW-20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

This is an issue of importance throughout all of Maricopa, AZ. All HOA communities in Maricopa, along with the business are having the same rate increase issue. This is not a water quality or service problem, but a financial burden on myself, the City and all the local communities. *End of Complaint*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109847

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Brian & Jeannie

Polowick

Account Name:

Brian & Jeannie Polowick

Work: (000) 000-0000

Street:

City:

Maricopa

State:

ΑZ **Zip:** 85138 is: Cellular

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

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Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

We are opposed to granting an increase to Global Water so they can achieve a higher rate of return. The current rate of return that is earned is greater than any individual can make investing or putting money in the bank. This rate increase will not only increase my monthly bill, but it will also lead to an increase in my HOA dues. It is not fair to be charged twice. The increase to the average homeowner is far too high, PLEASE TELL GLOBAL WATER "NO INCREASE"

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109846

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Chris

Friedel

Account Name:

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Maricopa

State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

is: Cellular

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

Single homeowner. Water at previous residences cost 1/3rd the rate of Global Water. They are raising prices again but their usage graphs say I used LESS water? This will have a huge impact on me. I strongly object to Global Water's latest rate increase. *End of Complaint*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Tom Davis

Phone: (602) 364-1066

Fax: (602) 542-2129

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion

No. 2013 - 109845

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Ted & Sherrie

Hagemo

Account Name:

Ted & Sherrie Hagemo

Street:

Work:

City:

Maricopa

State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

is: Cellular

Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

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Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

I am opposed to granting an increase to Global Water so they can achieve a higher rate of return. The current rate of return that is earned is greater than any individual can make investing or putting money in the bank. This rate increase will not only increase my monthly bill, but it will also lead to an increase in my HOA dues. It is not fair to be charged twice and Global Water did not calculate this fact into their test data. The basic service charge increases in water and sewer will increase my total bill \$23 a month and over \$30 a month with usage. The reduced rebate threshold will be almost impossible to meet regularly and that leads to an addition \$10 in water usage charges. Global's letter to customers even state that most will see at least a \$72 per year increase, that means I would be paying \$216 more in 3 years, but in reality it is more like \$400 or more to the average homeowner. Global wants a 37% increase or more and incomes are not keeping up with that kind of increase. I will be forced to make other cuts to my spending in order to pay for something that I need. This is a preventable hardship!

PLEASE TELL GLOBAL WATER -NO INCREASE! They already make a healthy return on their investment. Tell them to stop hurting their customers with outrageous rate increases. *End of Complaint*

<u>Utilities' Response:</u>

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed, CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

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Investigator: Tom Davis

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion N

No. 2013 - 109853

Date: 4/1/2013

Complaint Description:

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Haven L.

Hull

Account Name:

Haven L. Hull

Street:

<u>Work:</u> (000) 000-0000

City:

Maricopa

CBR:

State:

ΑZ

Zip: 85138

is: Other

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Utility Company.

Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

Nature of Complaint:

OPPOSED W-01212A-12-0309, SW- 20445A-12-0310, W-03720A-12-0311, W-02450A-12-0312, W-02451A-12-0313, W-20446A-12-0314, W-01732A-12-0315 WATER - SEWER

Global Water is asking for a rate increase on residential water usage for residents of Maricopa, Az.

If granted, this would be an increase 37% over current rates.

Our HOA is also telling us that if the water cost increase, it will have to raise our assessment to cover their cost. (54 acres of grass to water)

How much profit does a Utility need to make?

As a retired person on a fixed income, this would be an additional burden that I can not afford. *End of Complaint*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

4/01/13 Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 4/1/2013

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM